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SUBJECT: POLISH VIEWS ON ICCS

1. IN A CONVERSATION WITH A USDEL OFFICER MARCH 28, PALASZ, FIRST SECRETARY, POLISH EMBASSY, EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT CANADA WAS CONTINUING ITS ICCS PARTICIPATION. PALASZ TERMED EXTAFF SECRETARY SHARP' S AGONIZING OVER THE CANADIAN ROLE A " FARCE" LIKELY TO BE REPLAYED AGAIN IN MAY, AND WITH AN IDENTICAL OUTCOME, I. E., A LIMITED EXTENSION OF PARTICIPATION.

2. PALASZ SAID THAT THE POLISH ICCS CONTINGENT HAD DEEPLY RESENTED CANADIAN AMBASSADOR GAUVIN' S " AUTHORI- TARIANISM" IN SAIGON, BUT THAT GAUVIN HAD NOW AMENDED HIS WAYS AND POLISH- CANADIAN RELATIONS WITHIN ICCS WERE IMPROVING. VARIOUS COMMENTS BY PALASZ INDICATED THAT POLISH- HUNGARIAN ICCS RELATIONSHIPS, HOWEVER, WERE WORSENING, MAINLY BECAUSE THE POLES HAVE FOUND THE HUNGARIANS TO BE TEDIOUS, NAIVE AND UNDISCIPLINED COLLEAGUES.

3. IN PAST CONVERSATIONS PALASZ HAD VIGOROUSLY DEFENDED THE POLISH CONTINGENT' S PERFORMANCE ; THIS TIME, HOWEVER, HE DID NOT DO SO. WHEN ASKED TO EXPLAIN HOW THE POLES' CONFIDENTIAL

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RECURRENT ABSENTEEISM AND INACTIVITY COULD BE RECONCILED WITH ICCS FUNCTIONS AS PROVIDED BY THE AGREEMENT,

PALASZ OFFERED NO SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE. HE DWELT AT SOME LENGTH ABOUT THE PROFESSIONAL INADEQUACIES OF THE POLISH PERSONNEL SENT TO THE ICCS AND CLAIMED THAT THE GOP HAD HAD TO RECALL MANY. HIS EXTENDED AND INTRICATE EXPLANATION OF THIS MATTER LEFT CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT THE GOP WAS ENCOUNTERING CONSIDERABLE PROBLEMS IN TERMS OF MAINTAINING POLITICAL ORTHODOXY AND INTERNAL SECURITY WITHIN ITS ICCS DETACHMENTS.

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